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ALMA TOOK HALF OF VICTORY LOAN

Subscriptions Through Local Banks Total Half of Quota of Entire County.

PUT TOWNSHIPS OVER TOP

Banks Here Took Subscriptions to Credit of Townships Out in the County.

The final reports of the banks of Gratiot county made to the Seventh Federal Reserve bank in Chicago on May 20, show that Gratiot county went over the top in the Victory Loan campaign with subscriptions amounting to \$712,500, this being \$10,350 in excess of the quota of the county.

The final reports of the banks on the Victory Loan campaign have been tabulated as follows:

Alma State Savings Bank	\$122,000
First State Bank, Alma	230,000
First State Bank, Ashley	21,100
Bannister Bank	13,000
Farmers State, Breckenridge	23,200
First State, Breckenridge	11,350
Bank of Elwell	7,700
Commercial National and	
Ithaca Savings Bank	40,000
Ithaca National Bank	60,000
Peoples State, Middleton	18,250
Bank of North Star	10,700
Old Perrinton Bank	22,000
Pompeii State Bank	25,000
Riverdale State Bank	18,500
Comm'l Savings, St. Louis	55,000
Gratiot Co. State, St. Louis	25,150
Bank of Wheeler	11,550

Total \$712,500

The report of the banks shows the sections of the county where the heaviest subscribing to the loan was done, and the districts to which credit must go for the fact that Gratiot county did go over the top with its quota on the final loan campaign of the war. The reports of the banks in this city, the First State and the Alma State Savings, show clearly that practically half of the entire total of the county went through the Alma banks, a greater portion of which was from Alma subscriptions. This record on the part of the city of Alma, in view of its very heavy soliciting on past loans, is indeed a most noteworthy one, and should be a source of pride to everyone who has in any way aided in making the loan the success that it was in this city, especially to the banks, which not only contributed heavily with their time, but also with large subscriptions to the loan.

Right at the end of the campaign with the county far behind its quota the two banks came through in fine shape with additional subscriptions. The Alma State Savings bank entered its large subscription to the credit of nearby townships, Arcadia, Seville, Pine River and Sumner, so that they were over the top with the county. Honor flags will go to them, as well as to Alma, Ithaca, St. Louis and Ashley, and such other places as may have achieved their quotas. The First State bank of this city also did this same commendable thing, putting the townships of Bethany, Wheeler, Lafayette and Newark over the top, so that the northern tier of townships will all receive honor flags.

The honor flag for the county has been received by T. Arnold Robinson, county chairman, whose work during the present campaign has been perhaps the hardest that any chairman has had during the five loan campaigns. There is no question but what the county committee, which he headed, did more active work on their campaign, than was done in any of the others, and too much credit cannot be given to this returned soldier, who aided his country in this respect just as much as he wished to aid "over there."

EXPRESSES THANKS

To the women chairman and captains of the townships and cities of Gratiot county, Woman's Liberty Loan Committee:

Now that our task is finished and we have helped put the Victory Liberty Loan safely "over the top," I want to express to you my appreciation for your spirit of co-operation that you have shown and the splendid service that you have rendered during the campaign.

It has been a great pleasure to work with you and feel that every step of the way that I had you behind me doing your part, for yours was the all important part.

The consciousness that we stood by our country to the end, doing the best that we knew how to do at the moment, that we helped "finish the job" to the very best of our ability is our reward for all time, and I trust this rich experience will enable us to become more thoughtful, better citizens to serve our state and country in these serious reconstruction days.

In closing, I wish, as your county chairman, to again express to you my appreciation of your support and co-operation. Surely it could not have been finer and if I have been able to contribute anything to the success of the campaign it is because you have made it possible for me to do so.

Mrs. V. H. Shepard.

OPENED STORE

Crowds Greeted New Cushing & Benedict Opening Saturday.

Cushing & Benedict's new 5 and 10c store was opened to the public at 6:15 Saturday morning, but so effective had the advertising of the bargains been done, that even then a crowd was waiting for the doors to open and it was only a matter of moments before the waist bargains had all been snapped up, and the crowd set back to catch its breath and then jam in again for the other offerings of the day.

When the graniteware sale started at 10:00 a. m. the store was again filled with an eager hustling throng of shoppers, who almost threatened to tear things apart, so anxious was everyone to get to the back end of the store and grab off one of the ten dishes or roasters.

Without a question it was the largest attended store opening ever held in Alma. The fact that a hustling firm of well known people had secured the store, meant to the public that good goods at the right prices would be offered, and to top it off the special sales just had 'em going.

All during the day and evening the store was crowded by those who wanted to purchase, and others who just wanted to look around. The new store was a pleasant surprise to all of them, as it is certainly a wonderful improvement over the former bazaar store, both in looks and in quantity and quality of goods for the money.

MRS. JAMES MITCHELL DIED SUDDENLY FRIDAY

One of Alma's Most Prominent Women Was Taken by Death Very Unexpectedly.

Mrs. James E. Mitchell, the wife of Dean Mitchell of Alma college, one of the most popular and best known of Alma's residents, died suddenly at her home on North State st., Friday morning, her career being cut short while she was still in the prime of life, and causing a big shock to her many friends to whom news of her death came like a bolt from the clear sky.

For a number of years she had been very prominent in the work of the Presbyterian church of which she had been a very active member, and since the time of the formation of the Alma Civic Improvement league she had been actively engaged in the work of this organization, which has done so much to make Alma a better and more beautiful community. She had done much in this widely known league, not only in aiding in carrying out the plans of the organization, but in thinking out new ideas, wherein more usefulness could be extended by this organization. In her death, the city without a question has suffered a deep loss, just as has the bereaved family and the organizations to which she was a member.

Mrs. Mitchell was born at Clare, and later moved to Manistegic, and then to Duluth with her parents. She attended Olivet college for one year, and then came to Alma and for two years attended Alma college. She was united in marriage to Professor James E. Mitchell in 1907, and since that time had resided in this city. She is survived by her husband and three young sons, Ross, John and George.

The funeral services were held from the home on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Willis L. Gelston of the First Presbyterian church, and interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

When the news of her death reached the college early Friday morning, the college was closed for the day, as a mark of respect for the bereaved family.

THE "TUG O' WAR"

Annual Event Pulled Off Thursday of Last Week on Banks of Pine.

Thursday afternoon, May 15, found a big crowd of town and college people gathered on the banks of the Pine to see the annual Tug O' War. The upperclassmen were out to see either team pulled in the underclassmen to support their respective teams.

At four-thirty Coach Field started the contestants fairly with a miniature cap gun, which made such a noise that the sophomores must have had to strain their ears to hear it. For two minutes both teams pulled on even terms; then the sophomores slowly at regular intervals pulled the Freshmen team into the water, where they fought until time was called.

The sophomore team was better organized and more experienced in pulling and perhaps had an advantage in the ground over which they pulled. Needless to say the sophomores were on the square and so the freshmen have no alibi to offer. The men on both sides distinguished themselves by their fight and grit. The pull was

RED CROSS

Will every person having in her possession a finished or unfinished garment of any kind, outing flannel or yarn, which belongs to the Alma Red Cross, kindly return the same to the room at once? Please do not neglect this, as a personal appeal will be necessary if this method does not prove successful.

Mrs. Henry H. Soule, Chairman Alma Branch, A. R. C.

ANNOUNCE THE NEW TEACHERS

Secretary A. J. Archer of School Board Gives Out List of Instructors.

CHANGES IN HIGH SCHOOL

Many New Faces Will Be Found on the Faculty of Upper Grades Next Year.

A. J. Archer, secretary of the school board, made public the list of teachers for next year, Monday, with the exception of the instructor for Latin, who has not yet been secured.

There are a number of important changes in the high school faculty, few of the teachers in the high school having signed contracts to return another year. As stated some weeks ago, J. W. Kelder, present superintendent of the Petoskey public schools, will be the superintendent next year and A. C. Luchman, the principal of the high school.

The principals of the Washington, Republic and Lincoln schools will be the same as during the present school year, Miss Cora S. Dunlap at the Washington school, Miss Frances Stitt at the Republic school, and Miss Annetta McLaren, principal of the Lincoln school.

The teachers for the high school and the ward school are as follows: High school—J. W. Kelder, superintendent; A. C. Luchman, principal; F. Beryl McClelland, mathematics; Grace M. Bradley, commercial; Emma Hosmer, history; Miss M. Phillips, English and history; Margaret Swanson, natural science; Bess M. Duffey, mathematics and English; Marie Meyers, drawing; Louis Grottenberg, physical science and debating; Joan Sherman, music; Phyllis E. Kelly, domestic science and art; Genevieve Carroll, English; Latin instructor still to be supplied.

Washington school—Cora S. Dunlap, principal; Laura E. Soule, Wilma E. Stevens, Bertha McLaren, Mrs. Elsie Bentley, Louise D. Keller, Frances A. Watson, Minnie E. Marsh, Lillian Wheeler and Emeline Maxwell.

Republic school—Frances Stitt, principal; Winifred Trapp, Mary G. Orser, Alice A. Harvey, Bess C. Brown, Nettie H. Weatherhead, Georgia Hood, Margaret Blackhurst, Vida V. Jarvis and Flossie Maxwell.

Lincoln school—Annetta McLaren, principal; Norma V. Johnson, Mabel C. Snyder, Janet L. Allen, Elizabeth Morris, Madeline Haggart, Rita Schall, Mary E. Burke, Mary E. Failing, Hazel Kuhlman.

Hillcrest school—J. Jean Pattison and Ella Hall.

ON THE JOB

William E. Reynolds, City Manager, Has Assumed His Position Here.

William E. Reynolds, city manager, engineer, building inspector and sewer of weights and measures, as on the job in Alma and it is expected that things will shortly begin to happen down around the old city hall.

Mr. Reynolds comes to Alma from Dowagiac, where he has been city manager for several years, and where he had been tendered a contract for a few more years, if he should elect to stay in that city.

It was just like pulling teeth to get him away from Dowagiac, according to Mayor Murphy and James G. Kress, city attorney, who went to Dowagiac and brought him here. The city dads there just naturally hated to have him leave. It seems that he had been in a habit of doing his own work, and then adding in most of the city clerk's work and such other work as he could find to do. Everything that he had taken care of, was in the best of shape, Mayor Murphy says, and it took personal interviews with some dozen different city officials before they would allow him to leave.

The fact that he had been city manager there for several years, and that the city officials there were very desirous of having him sign a contract for a few more years, indicates that he is a manager of the first blood. He has taken courses at two universities to fit him for his work as a city manager and an engineer, and knows his work well.

The city officials who secured Mr. Reynolds believe that he will prove a highly competent man here, and judging from the way that he went after information at the meeting of the commission Wednesday evening, he intends to do things here.

GARMENTS SHIPPED

A statement from the committee for the Red Cross relief work follows: We recently delivered to Gratiot Co. headquarters in Ithaca the following quota: 105 pairs of stockings fifteen sweaters and seven shawls. There are yet four shawls to be turned in, and as soon as possible they will be sent together with a surplus of ten pairs of stockings. We desire all the women who piled their needles to understand how much we appreciate their efforts and we thank them for their promptness.

Mrs. Harry Rockwell, Mrs. Joe Grover.

It is remarkable how much you can find out about human nature by charging ten cents admission.

START FOUNTAIN

Look-Peterson Drug Store Will Open New Fountain Saturday.

After several weeks of work in remodeling the store and installing a soda fountain, the Look-Peterson drug store expects to open its new department to the public Saturday, and be prepared to give Alma one of the finest refreshment places in the county.

It is the plan of the Look-Peterson drug store, not only to serve sodas and sundries, but also hot drinks and light lunches in the new department, which has been fitted up to meet the needs in the best manner possible.

It is the intention of the drug company, Mr. Peterson stated, to employ young ladies exclusively to handle this trade, as is realized that they are more particular about cleanliness, and attention to work than the average young men.

The company has gone to a big expense in remodeling the store, installing an especially constructed soda fountain, and installing some fine tables and chairs in the belief that such a place will meet with the hearty approval of Alma people.

WILL HAVE Y. M. C. A. CAMP AT CRYSTAL

Camp Clin-Gra-Shi Organized to Give "Y" Lads a Ten-Day Outing this Summer.

The Y. M. C. A. organizations of Clinton, Shiawassee and Gratiot counties have joined for the purpose of holding a camp at Crystal lake from June 27 until July 7, where the members of the "Y" from the three counties will be able to gather and enjoy themselves for ten days, and also acquire the many benefits which are to be gained from such a camp.

The camp has been named Camp Clin-Gra-Shi, the first part of the name of each county having been used in making up the name of the lakeside camp at which the boys will gather. It is splendidly located in a shady tract on the shore of Crystal lake. It has a fine water supply and a good sandy beach, which will furnish an excellent place for bathing.

A number of lads between the ages of 12 and 17, may attend the camp by paying the required fees, and a few older boys and men will also be taken, who may be used as leaders for the lads who attend the camp. Under the present plan there will be a fee of \$1.00 for registration, which must be sent to the county Y. M. C. A. secretary at the time application is made by those desiring to attend the camp. The cost for the ten days, including board, tents, boats and other privileges, will be \$7.00.

The camp will be run strictly upon a military basis and will be under the direction of Lieutenant W. T. Casler of Clinton county.

BE KICKS

J. L. Miller Registers Just a Slight Protest at Record Article.

J. L. Miller, builder of the well known Millerville, has paused in his work of construction of such it can be said, long enough to register a protest, raising protest regarding the article which The Record recently used regarding Millerville No. 2.

In order that the public may be certain of knowing just how Mr. Miller feels about the matter, we publish the protest, just as near as it could be deciphered by the office boy and printer's devil. It follows:

"Alma, Mich., 5-16-19.

My Dear Sir: I heard old Dr. Brook President of Alma College preach a sermon many years ago in the then Baptist Church now the United Brethren say many people that were Blamed should be Pitted. He said no one knows the mental suffering of anyone that does the wrong thing now while you dressed up that article you wrote about me with a Crown of thorns trying to have the public think you were a wreath of Roses would say this from Anyone who knows Right from wrong. If all you said was Even true it was your Place to come to me and Told me the Position I was in and found out whether there were facts or not now Evidently by what you say and the spirit you said it in it was intentionally said no Doubt and you do not Realize the Golden Rule of Life Attorney Spinney for city knows that most you said is not true I have Deeds and Contracts to Prove the Rest Essentials are also not true Mr. Chick said to me when I asked him where he got his Inside Information said not from me as to what you said also Spinney and Glass.

(Signed) J. L. Miller "I am not ashamed to face any of my Transactions in the Judgment."

If any of our readers should find any difficulty in solving the above puzzling protest, The Record will be glad to explain, so that they may have it in the proper light.

SAILORS!

All returned sailors are requested to meet at the Alma high school gymnasium at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, May 28, in uniform if possible. Plans for Decoration Day will be made at that time.

Signed: W. R. Zinn.

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-1f

DeLuxe candies.—77-1f-c

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM IS OUT

Nolan R. Best, Continent Editor, Will Give Address to Alma College Graduates.

BACCALAUREATE IS JUNE 8

Memorial Service Will Be Held for the Soldier and Sailor Dead of Alma.

Nolan R. Best, editor of "The Continent" of New York City, will be the commencement speaker at Alma college, according to the plans which have been made for commencement week which starts Sunday, June 8.

The commencement exercises this year will be about the same as in previous years, except that there will be a memorial service on Tuesday, June 10, for the Alma college men who died in the great world war. The address at the memorial exercises will be given by James M. Barkley, D. D., LL. D., president of the Board of Trustees.

The annual baccalaureate address will be given on Sunday evening, June 8 at the Presbyterian church by President H. M. Crooks, LL. D.

On Monday at the final chapel service of the year the awarding of emblems for distinction in oratory, debate and athletics will take place.

The entire program for commencement week will be as follows:

Sunday, June 8

11:00 a. m.—Farwell communion at Presbyterian church, Rev. Gelston.

7:30 p. m.—Baccalaureate address by President H. M. Crooks, LL. D.

Monday, June 9

10:30 a. m.—Final chapel service and awarding of emblems for athletics, oratory and debate.

3:30 p. m.—Class day exercises of kindergarten department.

7:40 p. m.—Class day exercises (two one-act plays) by the seniors.

Tuesday, June 10

9:00 a. m.—Annual meeting of the board of trustees.

10:45 a. m.—Memorial service for Alma men who died in the world war, with address by Rev. James M. Barkley, D. D., LL. D.

12:30 p. m.—Luncheon for alumni and old students.

2:00 p. m.—Baseball, Ypsi Normals vs. Alma college.

4:15 p. m.—Outdoor exercises by women's gymnasium class, under direction of Mrs. Bensley.

8:00 p. m.—Senior promenade.

9:00 p. m.—President's reception at home of President and Mrs. H. M. Crooks.

Wednesday, June 11

9:45 a. m.—Academic procession.

10:00 a. m.—Commencement exercises. Address by Mr. Nolan R. Best, editor, "The Continent."

1:00 p. m.—Commencement luncheon.

HOME AGAIN

Alma's Candidate for D. S. C. Was in France for Fourteen Months.

Serg. Guy S. Gougeon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gougeon of this city, is home again, having received his discharge from the United States army the latter part of last week.

This particular young Alma man is the only lad from this city, who was fortunate to be recommended for the distinguished service cross for his work with the famous "Arrow" division of the army, and it is understood that the recommendation has been acted upon favorably and that Gougeon will soon be entitled to wear this honor badge.

The citation for the D. S. C. for Serg. Gougeon was made by Major Murdock M. Kerr, M. C., U. S. A., at which time Gougeon was a private. In part the citation reads: "In view of his conduct during the following military operations:

(a) September 29, 1918, 5:00 p. m. and throughout the night.

(b) One-half kilometer south of Nantillon (Argonne sector).

(c) Private Guy Gougeon was serving as first aid man under Lieutenant Milton Shaw at first aid station at First Battalion, 110 Field Artillery, where he rendered valuable service, and continued to do so, under heavy enemy shell fire.

(d) Rendering first aid to the wounded at the First Bn. Aid station "where fragments of high explosive shells dropped all around him, but this did not deter him from rendering unhesitatingly the best that was in him to the many wounded soldiers from his own and other organizations."

(e) These recommendations are based upon the valuable service rendered and upon the fearless and intelligent manner in which Private Gougeon at all times renders first aid at the scenes of operations.

Gougeon was in France for fourteen months, and in the fighting zone with the famous Michigan troops practically all the time, and has seen all of war that he cares to see. He is highly pleased to be back in little old Alma again.

I am not connected with the Central Adjustment bureau and my name should not be used. Wm. H. Rogers.

95-2-c

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SALARY ORDINANCE

Proposed Salary Ordinance Given First Reading at Meeting.

In compliance with the city charter the first reading of the proposed salary ordinance for the City of Alma was given last night at an adjourned meeting of the commission. It contains several boosts in salaries for various offices.

The proposed ordinance as drafted places the salary of the city manager, William E. Reynolds, at \$4,500 for the year, this of course including his work as city engineer, building inspector, and scaler of weights and measures.

Boosts in salaries go to the city clerk, the city treasurer, city attorney, and city physician. D. W. Adams, city treasurer, will receive \$1,200; Carl E. Gallagher, city clerk, \$1,500; James G. Kress, city attorney, \$1,200, and Dr. J. N. Day, city physician, \$1,800.

Oscar Vibber, chief of police and marshal, is to receive the same salary as last year, \$1,500 and the members of the police force are to be paid from \$1,200 to \$1,400. The chief of the fire department, who has not yet been named by the city manager, will receive \$2,500 per year and the firemen will receive \$200.00. The constables are to be paid by fees, and the members of the board of review and board of special assessors will receive the salaries paid to supervisors, while actually engaged in work.

GREAT BATTING RALLY DEFEATED ALBION HERE

Five Runs Needed for Victory Came in Eighth Inning When Clubbets Starts.

By staging one of the greatest comebacks ever seen on the local field the Alma college baseball team kept in the Michigan Intercollegiate championship race Saturday by scoring five runs in the eighth inning, after the game had apparently been lost, and won over Albion college 6 to 5.

Until the fourth inning both teams traveled along with one hit and not a run scored, but in this inning Albion got to Boyne offerings, and two hits and Warner's error gave the Methodists two runners. In the fifth Boyne walked Blanchard, and Dean leaned against one of Boyne's books with such force that it went over the center field fence for a homer, scoring two more runs. Shields opened the sixth with a single and Fox followed suit, and took a second on the throw in. Boyne bent it for the outfield and the freshman hurler, Crittenden went to the mound. Goaty straddled. An error by Crittenden allowed Shields to score Albion's fifth and final run.

To open the final half of the sixth, two runs behind, and about out a victory was what then faced the Maroons and Cream. Crittenden walked and Pelton hit for three sacks, both being out, however, for batting out of turn, and two runs were lost, as Johnson hit, and then scored on Boyne's duke guided tap.

The big eighth brought the victory. Crittenden started things with a hot single, but was forced by Pelton. Fish floated the ball over the center field fence for a homer, bringing Pelton in with him. Johnson singled, and Boyne walked. Ardis singled one for three sacks, scoring both. A hit and run play scored Ardis with the winning run.

Crittenden was put in a bad hole in the final frame when Albion tried to rally and tie. A scratch single and two errors filled the sacks with none down, but in the pinch Crittenden tightened up and the Methodists could not score. The Freshie hurled a beautiful game, allowing just one scratch hit and struck out six men in his four innings in the box, and without a question had it not been for his work Alma would have been defeated. His work continues to mark him as the find of the Michigan Intercollegiate this year.

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